GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SHARE IN PENSION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the provision in regard to financial sharing between the Union Government and the State Governments for the Widow Pension, Old Age Pension and Destitutes Pension Schemes being implemented by the Union Government and the ratio thereof;

(b) whether any proposal to increase the number of targeted beneficiaries of the said schemes is under consideration of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a): At present three pension schemes namely Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) are part of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). NSAP was transferred to State Plan in the year 2002-03 and funds are released as Additional Central Assistance by the Ministry of Finance. Central assistance of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary is provided to States under pension schemes and they have been urged to contribute Rs.200/- from their resources. At present 19 States/ Union Territories are providing State contribution of Rs.200 or more per month and 11 States/ Union Territories are providing contribution of less than Rs.200 per month.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.